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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR GLOBALLY

ALIGNING THE FRONT AND BACK SIDES OF A SUBSTRATE

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIRMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of the United States Patent Office mailed

January 29, 2002, Applicants hereby respond as follows:

REMARKS

In this Office Action, the Examiner stated that the restriction is required to one of the following two groups of inventions:

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I hereby certify that this correspondence (and any document referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, postage paid in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on February 14, 2002.

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Group I, Claim 1-24, drawn to device, classified in Class 257, subclass 797+; and

Group II, Claims 25-32, drawn to method, classified in Class 438, subclass 401+.

In the interest of furthering prosecution, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, i.e., Claims 1-24 without traverse. Applicant specifically reverses the right to prosecute the subject matter and claims of Group II by way of a separate divisional application if no generic claim is allowed.

In view of the foregoing, early and favorable consideration of the claims of the application is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner feel that a telephone or personal interview may facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, he is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' attorney at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted

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